(*b*) The number of village postmen may also be increased.

Reply of Government.—Is under correspondence with the British Government.

SUBJECT No. 253.

Rewards for the destruction of wild animals.

Mr. Sivappa, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the present rates of rewards offered for the destruction of wild animals such as tigers, cheetahs, wild dogs and pigs do not offer sufficient inducement to shikaries, the existing rates may be doubled and rewards also offered for pigs which cause great destruction to crops.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered in regard to special localities.

SUBJECT No. 254.

Facilities to pilgrims.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnayya, M. C. Rangiengar, A. Anniah Pandit, and Rev. H. Gulliford, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—Steps may be taken to enquire into the sanitary and other conditions of centres where pilgrims congregate in large numbers on festive occasions and to adopt the best measures for improving the conditions in respect of:—

(1) Railway timings, service and accommodation;

(2) Accommodation for pilgrims in such centres; and

(3) Effective conservancy and sanitary arrangements during the festival.

The expenses required for (2) and (3) may be met by the municipality, if any, and by the temple concerned in such proportion as may be considered equitable.

The Dewan was pleased to say that it would be advisable to wait for the publication of the report of the Committee now conducting an enquiry in the Madras Presidency.

It was represented that an independent enquiry may be conducted in Mysore which had its own conditions to tackle and that it was not expedient to follow the Madras recommendations.

Reply of Government.—Noted.